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## On the Job Again

After a year's respite The Times blossoms forth along with the flowers of May. This temporary omission most all our readers know was forced upon us, largely because it was impossible to get efficient and reliable help during the scrap on the other side. Our boy is back now and we begin again as we have all along intended to do. We take up just where we left off, and expect to publish just such a paper as we published since Jan. 1, 1896, and sincerely hope to have no further disturbance such as we are now emerging from, but shall look with longing eyes for that "lasting peace" we have heard so much talk about.

## The Sunday School Convention

A Sunday School Convention of the First District of Powell county was held in this city Sunday at the Christian church. The church was well-filled at both the morning and afternoon sessions, several delegates being present from the various schools as well as a large number of visitors. Helpful and instructive lectures by Rev. L. F. Mann, Rev. Willis Crafts, Rev. L. F. Martin and Miss Beatrice Blount were features of the convention. Mrs. T. G. White was re-elected President, Edmon Burgher was elected Secretary, and Miss Ethel Johnson was re-elected Treasurer.

## Death of Former Citizen

J. W. McKinney, aged sixty-two years, died at his home in Lexington Wednesday of last week after a long illness. Mr. McKinney formerly owned a good farm on Hardwick's Creek where he resided during his early married life.

Burial in the Winchester cemetery Friday with funeral services at the grave by the Rev. J. H. MacNeill.

He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Mize, sister to J. W. Mize, of this county; and four children—Mrs. O'Hara Branham, of Lexington; Joel McKinney, of Hazard, and Miss Maude and Lewis at home.

## Eubank-Russell

Mr. W. R. Eubank, of Winchester, and Mrs. Hoyt Russell, of this city were married in Ashland Tuesday, May 13. After a short visit to relatives in Ashland and a trip to the cities of Cincinnati and Louisville, they returned to the groom's home at Winchester, where they will reside.

Mr. Eubank is a leading agent at Winchester for fire and life insurance and real estate, and who also does the lion's share of such business in Powell county. Mrs. Russell is one of Clay City's most valuable ladies in civic and church societies.

## Contracts for Work at Bald Rock

John Kirk and Hack Kirk have contracted to build several houses in the oil fields of Lee county at Bald Rock. They, together with Oscar Stuart and Carl Hall have gone to Bald Rock to prosecute the work on these buildings.

## Road Work Resumed

Construction of the Powell and Clark inter-county seat way has been resumed, and will be pressed as rapidly as teams and labor obtainable can do the work. The force at work is very small, but there is promise that a better day for road work is coming when farmers can get their corn planted, and a much better opportunity to push the work when crops are laid by in July, about six weeks hence. A car of cement has been received this week to finish the work on the Brush creek bridge.

H. H. Yount, of Morehead, has charge of the work, and is making a supreme effort to get men and teams to push the job forward. He seems to be a very capable man.

The people of mud-ridden Powell are loyally supporting Judge Daniel and the State authorities in their efforts to get this road done as quickly as possible, so that other roads in the county can be given some much-needed attention.

## Snow Twenty-Five Years Ago

Twenty-five years ago, May 20th, the people of this county awoke to find snow from six to ten inches deep. This snow killed every thing that could be killed by snow and is a day long to be remembered. The cool days of May '94 are reminders of the cool days of May in '94 and the consequent heavy snow fall within only eleven days of the summer month of June.

## Farmers' Convention

There will be a farmers' big convention at Lexington, May 31st. Agricultural speakers of national repute will be there. Everything is free, including the burgoon and good eats, it is claimed. Every county is urged to send a huge delegation of the orderly class of people, to-wit: Farmers.

## Farm Work Held Back

The rains for the past two weeks are greatly hampering the planting of corn and preparing the soil for such planting. The accompanying cool weather is greatly retarding the growth of corn now up, while the cut worms are doing great destruction to gardens and corn fields.

## New Fords

A. T. Whitt, the Ford agent, received four new touring cars from the Cincinnati branch of the factory last week. What good roads we have, and the prospect for more of them, is tempting most all who can afford a Ford, to buy the best car on wheels.

## Moves to Boyle County

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Garrett have moved to Boyle county to reside with their daughter, Mrs. Judy. The best wishes of The Times go with these old people to their new home.

Tell the Times that bit of news you know and we will tell it to the world. That's our business.

## Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises at Stanton College this week have been attended by large crowds and the class of entertainment speaks well both for the College and the students. The high school play, "Aunt Sophronia at College" was rendered Wednesday night. A large number from Clay City attended and all say that it was extremely fine.

The commencement of this school is now looked upon by all the people of Powell county as an annual feature of supreme interest to our people. We thus watch the development of our boys and girls in a most fitting way. Our college is the pride of our county, and it has never had a more efficient and deserving man at its head than the present president, the Rev. Willis Crafts.

## An Oversight

On the second page of this issue under the masthead in the usual place will be found the statement: "Entered as second-class mail matter at the postoffice at Clay City, Ky., under the Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1879."

This is an error. When this paper was temporarily forced to suspend last May largely on account of not having sufficient help, it surrendered this privilege. But in making up the forms this week, this statement was overlooked and it allowed it to read as it did for "do these many years."

Application for re-entry has been made and will be acted upon promptly, as per the promise of the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

## An Authorized Fallacy

Government authorities and many of the agricultural newspapers tell us the seventeen-year locusts are due this year. These authorities had better go back and count over. As The Times man so well remembers, these locusts appeared first to our knowledge in the spring of 1889; again in the spring of 1906 and are not due to appear in their seventeen-year period until 1923. We will pit our recollection of the matter against all the records at Washington, and if we are not right, and the locusts come this year as they advise us they will do, we will set up the ice cream to their stomach's content if they will come to Clay City.

Our classified ads brings buyers and sellers together.

## A Few Pointers.

Q Over six million germs were washed from the outside of one fly.

Q Two flies can populate a good sized town in their three months' lifetime.

Q Flies do not travel, each town or farm raises its own.

KILL THOSE  
ANCESTOR FLIES  
NOW!!

## Historical Drive

June is Historical Month in Kentucky. Every county in the State is now engaged in making a permanent record of the part it played in the World War.

The records of the soldiers are being made on war record sheets. The records of the civilians are being made in the form of reports of the work done by the County Council of Defense, Red Cross Chapters, Liberty Loan Campaign Committees, Women's Clubs and other organizations which took part in winning the war.

When these records are completed they will be bound in permanent form and placed in the archives of the county.

The Kentucky Council of Defense inaugurated this work in September, 1918, by appointing State and County Historians. These historians are engaged in the laborious task of compiling complete lists of the men who have lost their lives, those who have been wounded and those who have won special honors. They are also making a complete roster of all men in the service. A special effort is being made to get a complete list of the volunteers, and those who have been for a long time in the regular army.

The Historian for Powell county is Mrs. Minnie Paekner, of Slade. She needs your help.

Every person who has had a relative in the service should make it a personal duty to see that a war record blank is filled for such person and handed to the County Historian. These blanks may be obtained from the County Historian, or at The Times office.

## Gets More Than Asked For

Contending that the oil production tax, which was made a law at the special session of the Legislature in 1917, a bill introduced by our Representative, E. B. McGlone, took the place of all tax on oil properties, W. S. Raydure, a millionaire oil operator, of Bowling Green, O., and holding millions of oil property in Estill county, in the spring of 1918 resisted the payment of any tax on undeveloped leases, asserting that the oil production tax covered it all.

Notwithstanding the fact that his case was very ably handled through the courts by Pendleton & Bush, and Judge Ed. C. O' Rear, corporation lawyers of State reputation, the Court of Appeals held that the oil production tax was a license tax only, which was levied in addition to any ad valorem tax.

Armed with this decision, State revenue men are going after the omitted ad valorem tax, and they have begun first on Raydure, who sought in the beginning to evade any ad valorem tax at all on undeveloped rights. A suit was brought and tried in Judge Noland's court in Estill county against Raydure for omitting tax aggregating thousands. Judge Noland has not handed down a decision in the case at this time.

## Traveling Public Imposed Upon

The traveling public at Clay City has been greatly imposed upon by those persons in control of the railroad affairs who have provided for the closing of the depot here before the train going east in the evening arrives. This means that you cannot buy a ticket for this train at time of departure and that you must remain outside waiting for the train far into the night in the dark when it happens to be so late. There is no excuse for this other than merely to save the expense of time of the agent, Mr. Vollmer, in keeping the depot open until the train arrives.

The Times has all along favored the Government ownership and control of the roads, but if this is the way they are going to serve towns the size of Clay City we will have to "change our flag."

The people of this town surely will not tamely submit to this unjust treatment. A petition should be presented to the authorities asking a change back to former conditions. Failing to get what is justly due us there, we should bring an action before the Railroad Commission at Frankfort, in order to get matters righted.

## Has Leg Amputated

John Tipton, of Upper Hardwick's Creek, had one of his legs amputated yesterday by Dr. Win. C. Martin, of this city, Dr. John A. Broadus, of Irvine, and Dr. I. W. Johnson, of Stanton.

The trouble which caused Mr. Tipton to suffer the loss of the limb and probably the loss of his life, later, first started two weeks ago when he stuck a nail, but slightly, into his knee cap while tearing off some picket slats from a fence. He paid no attention at first to the trouble whatever, so trifling was the injury, but in a few days his knee began to swell. He was treated by Drs. Johnson and Seay, who tried hard to save his limb, but failed. A consultation of the three operating doctors resulted in their decision to amputate.

Mr. Tipton stood the operation well considering his weakened condition from six weeks' suffering. He scarcely has a fighting chance to recover, but the only chance to save his life was through the operation.

## MARRIAGES.

Mr. Grover Snowden and Miss Mattie Scott were married at Stanton, Tuesday, May 13. The groom recently returned from France. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott who live two miles west of the city.

Mr. Marion Curtis and Miss Mae Stepp were married at the home of the bride near this city, Tuesday, May 13th. The groom is a son of John P. Curtis, of Snow Creek, and the bride is a daughter of J. R. Stepp. The young folks will reside on Snow Creek.

Application made for entry in to the Clay City postoffice as matter of the second-class.